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SUBJECT: SAUDI VIEWS ON SITUATION IN SOUTH YEMEN
(CON'T.)

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1. BEAUMONT, FCO DESK OFFICER FOR THE YEMENS,
SHOWED US ANOTHER REPORT ON A CONVERSATION BETWEEN
THE BRITISH CHARGE AND THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR IN
ADEN, THIS ONE HAVING TAKEN PLACE ON JANUARY 15.
ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR IS
STILL VERY WORRIED ABOUT THE POSITION OF SALIM
RUBAYI ALI. THE SAUDIS HAVE NOT DECIDED HOW THEY
CAN BEST BOLSTER IT. THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR WONDERED
OUT LOUD IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO FIND SOMEONE IN
SOUTH YEMEN WHO COULD OVERTURN THE REGIME BY A
COUP. THE BRITISH CHARGE EXPRESSED HIS OPPOSITION
TO ATTEMPTING SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION, SINCE THERE
IS NO CREDIBLE ORGANIZED OPPOSITION IN PDRY.

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2. THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR INFORMED THE BRITISH CHARGE
THAT THE SAUDIS HAD REACHED AGREEMENT WITH THE UAE
ON COORDINATING FINANCIAL AID TO PDRY, BUT THAT
THE KUWAITIS HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT TARDY IN AGREEING TO
COORDINATE AID WITH THE SAUDIS AND ONLY CONSULT ON
THIS ISSUE "IN BROAD TERMS." THE SAUDI AMBASSADOR

CONCLUDED THAT, THE FLOW OF SAUDI AID HAVING BEEN
RESUMED, THE FIRST INSTALMENT OF IT THIS YEAR WILL
BE SIX MILLION DOLLARS FOR FOOD.

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